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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Expedited Procedure – Art Unit 2667

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

SALA *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/783,404

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For: **Method, System And Computer
Program Product For Scheduling
Upstream Communications**

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Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated April 4, 2005, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 03242005), Applicants submit the following Remarks. This Reply is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims; and
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent

abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.